

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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SECURITY IN MAJOR PORTS

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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether security threats to various ports, shipyards and allied installations in the country has become a cause of concern;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government proposes to install Gamma Scanner at port to check radioactive substances, arms and ammunition;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has any proposal to constitute a Committee to review the ports security in the country;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the time by which the Report is likely to be submitted?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b): In view of the present security threat perception prevailing in the country, ports and shipyards are also considered as possible targets by anti- social elements.

(c) & (d): X-ray machines or Gamma scanners are installed by Customs Department at Ports which primarily handle container traffic. Gama scanners have been installed at Jawaharlal Nehru Port. Some of the ports have identified locations for installing the container scanners and the Custom Department has been informed about it.

(e) to (g): A High Powered Committee has been set up headed by Chairman, Cochin Port Trust with Deputy Chairman Chennai Port Trust, Deputy Chairman Paradip Port Trust, Deputy Chairperson Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust, Traffic Manager Mumbai Port Trust, Joint Director Intelligence Bureau and Deputy Inspector General Central Industrial Security Force as members to review the security aspects of all Major Port Trust and shipyards under the control of Department of Shipping. The Committee has visited all the major ports and its recommendations are awaited.